

Star-Bulletin's Page of Sports

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Hawaii Leads World In Swimming Says Champion

Norman Ross Brings Out the Value of Publicity Gained From Aquatic Sports in Hawaii—"Big Moose" Believes Swimming on Pacific Coast Will Become Leading Sport—"Hawaii is Used to World Champions and Does Not Appreciate Them"

By NORMAN ROSS
To my mind it is a most curious fact that the greatest swimming events ever staged should go practically unheralded and unsung, except among the comparatively small circle which witnesses these events. I am referring to the lamentable fact that on the mainland scarcely anything is heard about the Honolulu meet prior to its taking place, and afterward only a bare and incomplete and sometimes erroneous report reaches the eyes of the fans who have been eagerly awaiting the outcome.

Biggest of Year.
The people of Honolulu do not seem to realize that the biggest athletic events of the year are staged right here in their own harbor. It has been the custom of the aquatic officials to stage a meet twice a year in Honolulu. For years Honolulu has had one or more swimmers of world's championship class and many of slightly lesser standing. To provide competition for them the mainland has been secured for talent, and the best obtainable has been brought to the islands, where they have found a goodly representation waiting to do them battle.

Thus the meets have been in effect world's championship gatherings. At no other time and place have such fields been brought together. In the number of events and the entries in each event Honolulu cannot even be tied. Such pretentious programs as a three day meet with ten or twelve events on each day, ten or twelve entrants in each event, and slapping finishes in all have never been seen anywhere.

Honolulu Educated.
Honolulu seems to be too close to these things to see the importance of them. The fans are positively blasé. There must be two or three world's champions in a race and a record smashed before they are interested. On the coast at Neptune beach, Alameda, thirty thousand people see a meet of half a dozen events with only local coast talent, and think they are having a wonderful treat. If they could witness contests such as are staged in Honolulu harbor they would consider themselves in Elysium indeed.

Interest in swimming on the coast is developing at a great rate. The opening of several new beaches which encourage competitive swimming has done wonders. The papers are devoting columns to it. Baseball news is rapidly being supplanted by reports of the doings of King Neptune. Not a week goes by without a couple of meets. Many excellent swimmers are being developed, and the best talent from the East is appearing.

Hawaii Leads.
At that there is no comparison between the island swimmer and the one on the coast. I would venture to say that a team could be gotten together here, provided harmony could be established, which could meet a representative team gathered from the rest of the world, and acquit itself with honor.

The main reason swimming has attained its immense popularity on the mainland is, I believe, because it is a sport which everyone can enter into.



This is Norman Ross, who flashes through the water about as fast as a motor boat. He has a string of records as long as a string of flats and is expected to go after new records in the September meet.

Something the general crowd can do. People will see a swimming contest, will try and emulate those they see. It looks so easy. No trouble at all. It is such a clean, invigorating sport that soon everyone is hard at it. The best boosters of a sport, so Bachrach says, are those who do the stunts themselves.

And in these islands every one swims. The invigorating dips in the surf, the exhilarating rides in front of a huge breaker, why it's a mystery to me that the entire population is not continually out at Waikiki.

Eyes of the World.
At any rate the eyes of the sporting world are on Honolulu, and the ears of the public are awaiting news of the big meet in September. They are liable to be doomed to disappointment, however. I speak advisedly, for last February the results of the first days swimming did not reach the coast till two days after, and the reports of the last day were so garbled as to be of little value.

These events are of infinite advertising value to the islands, or could be made so if the publicity were handled in a better fashion. My criticism is given in the most friendly fashion, and is intended to be constructive rather than otherwise.

GENERAL JOHNSON WILL JUDGE RACE MEET ON SUNDAY

Has Been Selected as Honorary Official for Red Cross Bicycle Meet at Athletic Park

Gen. Sam Johnson, known as one of the real boosters for sport in Hawaii, has been selected as honorary judge of the big bicycle meet which will be held at Athletic park on Sunday afternoon. The meet will be staged under the auspices of the Nippon Jiji, and all receipts will be turned over to the Red Cross.

Gov. Lucius Pinkham will be present as a guest of the Japanese newspaper, and other prominent officials have been invited to attend. Many valuable prizes have been awarded by the various business houses of Honolulu, and scores of trophies will be awarded to the winners of the various events.

Capt. Allen of the Japanese company in the national guard, Lyman P. George of Schuman Carriage Co. and "Pop" Heese of the Goodyear Co. have been selected as judges for the meet. Among the feature events will be a five-mile race for the championship of Hawaii. Altogether there will be a number of special events which promise to be features. The meet will begin at 1 o'clock, and is expected to be completed before 5 o'clock. More than 100 entries have been received for the various events.

Marion M. Puentes, former billiard champion of Manila, would like to meet any cue expert in the city. He has played a number of matches in Honolulu to date, and has yet to be defeated. Any aspiring billiardist who wishes to make a match may be accommodated by communicating with Puentes at the Brunswick Billiard Parlor.

Will Be Seen In Action Saturday Maui and Oahu Will Meet In Polo Classic Saturday



One of the leading polo players of the territory will be seen in action on Saturday afternoon in the Oahu-Maui match, when Harold Castle takes his place at No. 2. Castle is a student of the game, and in addition to being a long hitter and hard driver, knows how to get all that is possible out of the offense. Castle was one of the players who made a good showing with the All-Hawaii team in matches at San Mateo, Burlingame and Coronado.

Old Rivals to Appear in Feature Battle at Kapiolani Field—Valley Island Contingent Arrives With String of 30 Ponies Ready to Oppose Local Four—Contest Should Be Best Match of Season From All Standpoints—Record Crowd Expected

Lovers of polo in Honolulu will have an opportunity to witness the classic of the season at Kapiolani park on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when Maui and Oahu meet in what is considered to be the real battle for the honors of the year.

For years Oahu and Maui have been rivals, and the tussles between these two teams have made polo history here. Oahu has the edge in the race thus far for honors, but Maui has always faced the mark with a great combination, mounted on the best ponies that could be secured.

Sam Baldwin to Play.
This year Maui will go after the title, and should the Valley Island contingent carry away the victory on Saturday, it is certain that they will be big favorites over the army. Despite the fact that Arthur Collins will be unable to play, the Maui team will be strong. Sam Baldwin will perhaps be seen at No. 1 in the Saturday match.

Sam Baldwin played a brilliant game with the Oahu team a few years ago, and was selected as one of the representatives on the tour of the Pacific coast, and his playing in the matches there when Frank Baldwin was injured created much favorable comment. That he will be a big factor in the play on Saturday is certain.

Excellent Mounts.
Harold Rice has brought over nine ponies for his own use in the big battle, and this means a warm up pony for each period. With about 30 ponies to select from, Maui will not be hand-

capped by the lack of mounts. Some of the fastest ponies are here for the match, and those who have followed the play in past years know that the Valley Island four have seldom appeared on the field without the best of mounts.

Oahu is expected to make a good showing this year, as the local four will perhaps find more ponies to select from than they did last year. The local contingent have not been caught napping, and will go on the field with a string of ponies which is expected to rank with those from Maui.

Same Combination.
Oahu will have the old combination back into the game, and with Walter Macfarlane at No. 1, Harold Castle at No. 2, Walter Dillingham at No. 3 and Arthur Rice, back, Maui will have to play real polo to win. This combination has been hard to beat in the past, and the teamwork of this organization ranks with the best in the country. Castle, Dillingham and Rice visited the mainland, and such critics as Stevenson and Beadleston complimented the Hawaii team as being the smoothest running machine that had ever appeared on the Pacific coast.

It is a coincidence that the five players who represented Hawaii at Coronado, Pasadena and San Mateo, will appear in the match on Saturday. Very few centers on the mainland can stage such a match with a group of stars up to the local standard.

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TENNIS CONTESTS REVIVED ON MAUI

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WAILUKU, Maui, August 22.—To those interested in mixed doubles tennis, the announcement that the Puunene Athletic club is to revive this form of the sport in a championship tournament to start next week, will be welcome news. According to the announcement made, the entries will close tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock. There are no restrictions on entries except that they must be made by teams in order that women and men will be evenly divided. Partners for the play will be decided by lot.

An interesting feature of the coming tournament is that the games will be played for the handsome cups of the association first offered and contested for in 1905. That year they were won by C. C. Krumpholtz and Rev. B. V. Bakata. How two men came to get the cups this first time seems not to be remembered. In 1906, however, the cups were won by Miss Ethel Taylor and Theo. Nicholson. Miss Taylor also won the cup again in 1907, but lost it in 1908 to Miss L. H. Woods. He E. Savage was winner of the men's cup in 1907 and Rev. E. B. Turner in 1908.

For some reason mixed doubles were then dropped as a part of the Puunene programs, and this is the first time that it has been undertaken since.

A small army of workmen is busy getting the camp on Long Island, near Yaphank, into shape for the army of youths who will occupy it following their selections in the draft.

Tuan Chi-Jui, China's Premier, has issued a statement declaring himself a strong advocate of a republic, announcing that the government proposes to form a new parliament.

HONOLULU LEAGUE TO MEET TONIGHT; TEAMS TO DECIDE PROTESTS

A meeting of the Honolulu League will be held at the board of supervisors' rooms this afternoon at 5:30. It is expected that a number of important matters will be taken up including the plan to reduce the prices of admission to 15, 25 and 35.

The only league game to be played on Sunday will be staged at Schofield. The Japanese team will be the Schofield Blues at the post. The league has announced that Johnny Williams will pitch for the Japanese. The lineup of the Japanese will be as follows: McGavin, c; Inman, Moriyama, Williams, p; W. Williams, 1b; Moriyama, 2b; Kauli, 3b; Kovish, ss; Rice, lf; Segney, cf; Araki, rf.

A meeting of the Commercial League will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Star-Bulletin. At the time a protest will be presented by one of the baseball teams of the league in regard to the Schuman team.

THE POLO CLASSIC

The Oahu-Maui match has always been the one big event of the polo season, and it is expected that there will be a record crowd out on Saturday to witness the match, which will practically decide the winner of the tournament. At present it looks like a hard battle from the first to the last chukkur, but if there is a favorite on Saturday, Oahu should have the slight edge, although one goal or even less may decide the match.

Tickets are now selling at E. O. Hall & Son, and auto space may be also secured there. The Army-Kauai match drew a large crowd, but it would not be at all surprising to see more than double the crowd out when the two leading teams of Oahu clash in the classic event of the season.

The Brooklyn Society of Artists has voted to paint for the benefit of the Red Cross.

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